

An Anacostia River That's Clean Doesn't Have to be a Dream

**Earth Conservation Corps and
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Partnership**

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Outline

- What is the Earth Conservation Corps?
- A Day in the Life of a Corps Member
- **Earth Conservation Corps and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Partnership**
- Interactive Activity
- Activity Wrap-Up/Further Discussion



ECC/EPA Partnership



Goals

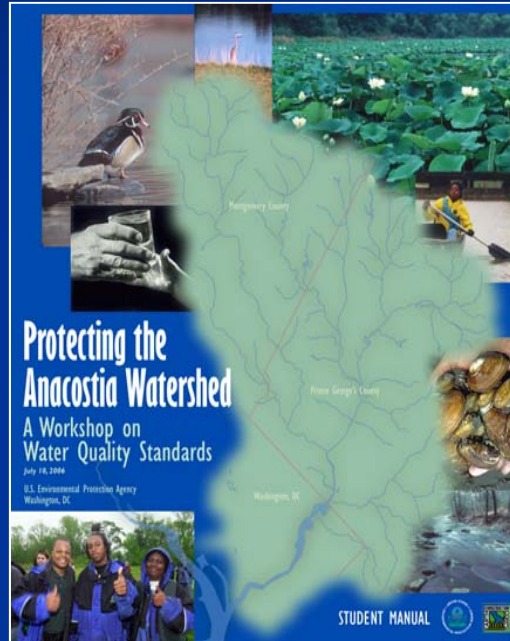
- To provide support and to encourage stewardship of the River by Corps members and the community
- To encourage Corps members to take an interest in environmental careers
- To support the educational and professional development of Corps members

ECC/EPA Partnership

- Started in September 2004
- First Activity: Workshops Held in February and July 2005 and July 2006
 - Water pollution basics, Clean Water Act, citizen engagement, tools
 - Included hands-on water quality monitoring component (July 2005 and July 2006)



Water Quality Standards Workshops



Outcome: Corps members better understood role as advocates and ways to communicate information to the community

Other Activities



- Volunteer Events
 - Arbor Day
 - Earth Day
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
- Mentorship and Educational Development

Other Activities - Clean-Up Events (continued)

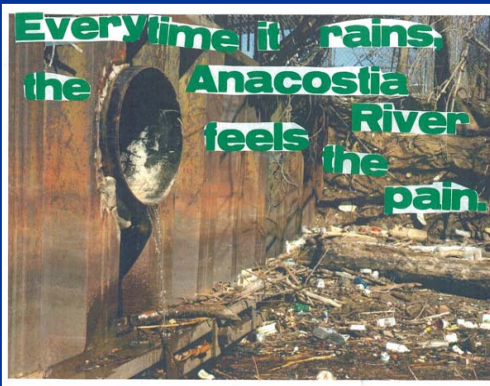
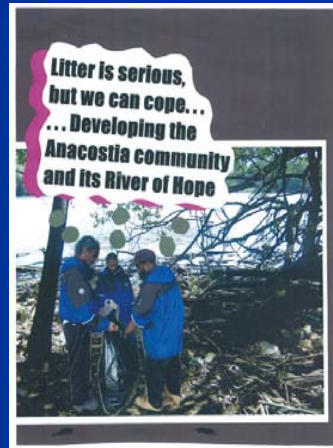
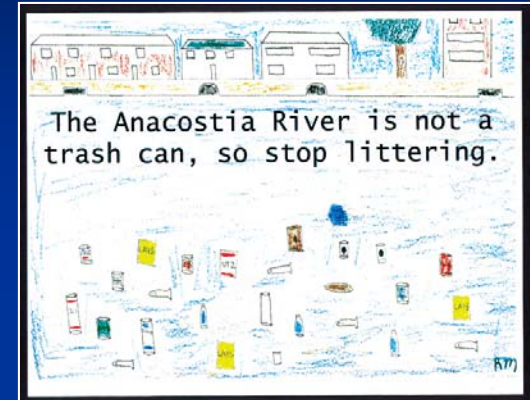


Anti-Litter Campaign

- Early 2006
- Goal: to raise awareness of trash issues on the River and to modify behavior
- March 2006 - poster contest for Corps members
 - 8 entries total (4 teams)



Anti-Litter Campaign (continued)

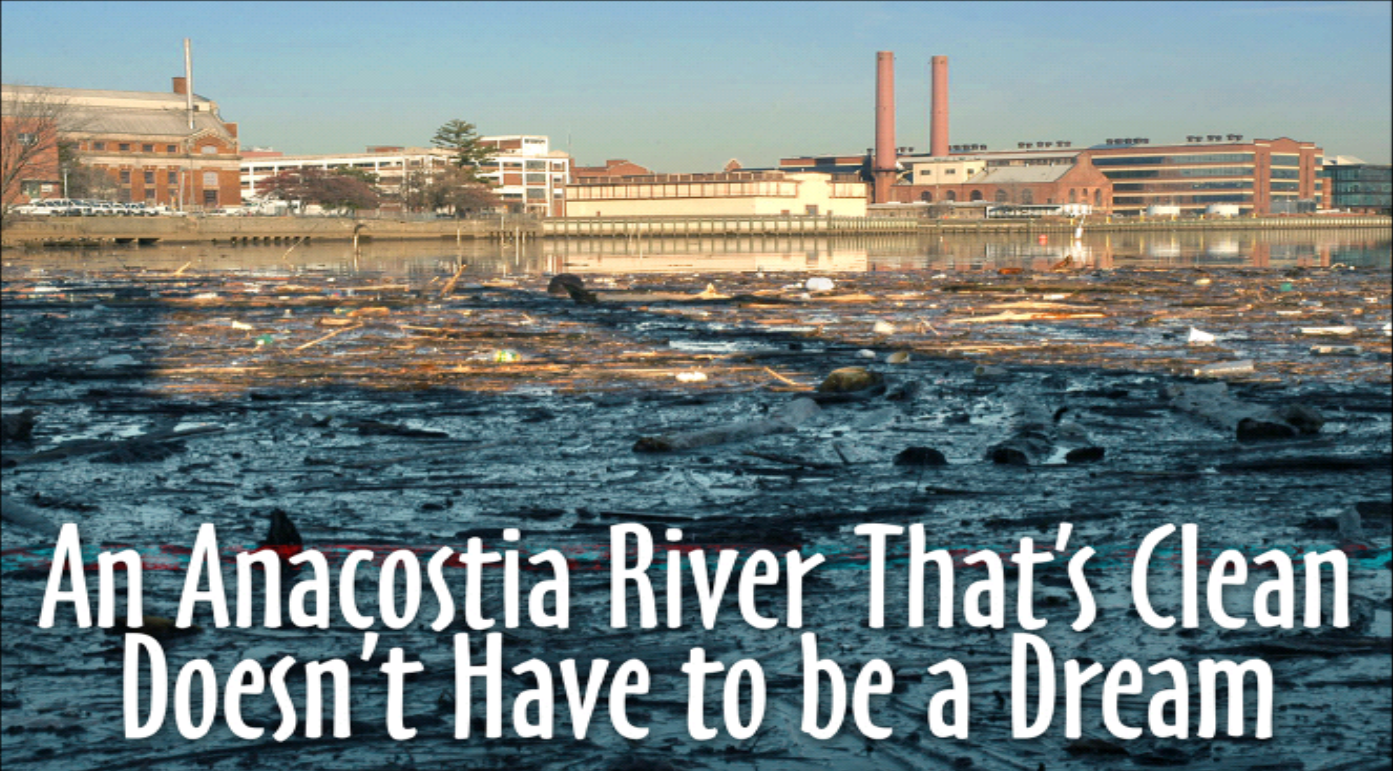


Winning Design: *An Anacostia River That's Clean Doesn't Have to be a Dream*



Design team: Richard Moore, Latrice Shorts,
Katrina Washington, Hollis Wright, Daryl Wallace



Anti-Litter Campaign (continued)



**An Anacostia River That's Clean
Doesn't Have to be a Dream**

**When litter's on the ground, and the rain falls down, it ends up in the Anacostia River.
So when you take your last drag, or you just have a bag, please do your part and don't litter.**

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Anti-Litter Campaign (continued)

Spreading the Word

- May 2006: Poster Preview - National Environmental Partnership Summit, Atlanta, GA
 - Official Unveiling: May 16th at ECC Graduation
- Has been used in ongoing ECC outreach and educational activities



Anti-Litter Campaign (continued)

Spreading the Word



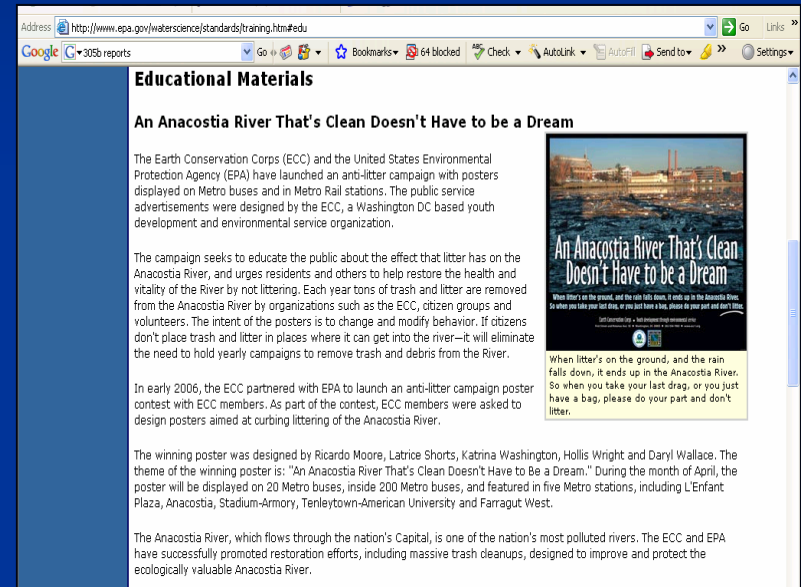
April 2007

Metro subway station dioramas, interior and exterior bus displays

Anti-Litter Campaign (continued)

Spreading the Word

- April 2007- Poster and press release on EPA's Web site
 - Includes link to ECC Web site.



<http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/training.htm#edu>



Next Steps

- This partnership will...
 - continue to support the ECC by providing educational and enrichment opportunities for Corps members,
 - promote the anti-litter campaign through outreach to schools, faith-based communities, state/local government, citizen groups, and other organizations,
 - focus on actions that can be taken to clean-up and restore the River, and
 - develop additional tools and materials to reach out to the community.

The U. S. EPA is committed to restoring the Anacostia River



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Interactive Activity Directions

- Divide into 4 teams by counting off 1, 2, 3..
- You will work in editorial teams to respond to letters in the “Ask the Editor” column for a social justice magazine, *Helping Out*.
- You have 20 minutes to draft a response to ONE of two letters to the Editor (**Also, see Handout for detailed instructions**).
- We will give you a time check to let you know how much time you have left as you draft your team’s response.
- Select one member of your editorial team to present your team’s response to the Editor-in-Chief and to the editorial staff.

-Good Luck!!-